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Dear Interested Parties:

The Bridgeport Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is proposing a landscape scale habitat improvement and hazardous fuels reduction project in the East Walker River area approximately 15 miles north of Bridgeport, CA. A Notice of Proposed Action (NOPA) has been prepared and is available for your review on the forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/htnf/eastwalker>. If you would prefer a CD or hard copy of the NOPA, please contact Joanne Lowden, Project Leader, at (760)-932-5853 or jalowden@fs.fed.us. The NOPA was developed to provide the public and other interested parties an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed action.

The proposed action would implement a combination of mechanical and prescribed fire treatments to improve, enhance, and protect bi-state sage-grouse habitat, increase habitat connectivity by reducing pinyon-juniper encroachment into sagebrush ecosystems, and reduce the risk of high severity wildfire to sage-grouse habitat and private property.

How to Comment and Timeframe

The Forest Service encourages your comments on this proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the responsible official should consider in reaching a decision. Your comments will be used to help complete the environmental analysis and make a decision on the proposed action. To maintain eligibility for appeal, each individual or organization (including specification of an authorized representative) must submit comments and must sign the comments or otherwise verify their identity by the end of the comment period. The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in *Reno Gazette-Journal*.

Send written or facsimile comments to the Bridgeport Ranger District, HC 62 Box 1000, Bridgeport, CA, 93517-1000, attn.: District Ranger, Mike Crawley; phone (760)932-5801, fax (760)-932-5899; or you may hand-deliver your comments to the above address during normal business hours from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. You may also comment electronically by selecting the "Comment on this Project" link on the website listed above. Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public inspection and released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Additional information on the proposed action may be obtained by contacting Joanne Lowden, Project Leader, at (760)932-5853 or at jalowden@fs.fed.us.

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